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For: Apparatus and Method of )  
Preparation of Staple, Long Term )  
Thrombin From Plasma and )  
Thrombin Formed Thereby )

Art Unit: 1653

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Sacramento, California 95814Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is submitted in response to the office action mailed on April 25, 2005.

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